

Gentlemen:

I have read with considerable alarm the following comment in the UPLC comments:

"The UPLC is pleased to respond that there has been no interference reported in any of the field trials by its members. These trials have been conducted in accordance with the existing Part 15 limits and measurement procedures."

My experience has been that the power companies routinely ignore complaints about interference from their power lines. Several years ago I lived in a suburban neighborhood that had power line interference that rendered the HF amateur bands useless. I was given a contact phone number which dumped to an answering machine. My problem was that they never returned calls for the messages that I left on that machine. After several weeks, I finally got a live person who said that they would look into it. The problem continued, and I never received a call back from the power company. After several months of trying, I finally reached the individual with whom I had spoken to earlier. He at first didn't remember my complaint, and then said "Oh yeah, there was no problem found with the power lines in my neighborhood".

Since my problem was not solved, this was a prime mover for my wife and I to sell our house and move to the country.

I have had one other experience with power line interference since we moved. It was resolved successfully, but only after I had to physically locate and point to the power line pole that was causing the problem. But at least they came out and cleared the interference this time.

From this I conclude:

1. Any statements from a power company that they do not have reported interference problems are suspect and are self-serving,
2. Many individuals give up, as I did, and do not complain about power line interference.
3. In the case where the UPLC reports there there was no reported interference in the BPL test areas, I strongly suspect that there were no users of HF communication equipment in those areas.